

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (previously presented) A method of creating chewing gum comprising the steps of substituting for a typical plasticizer, softener, or emulsifier in a chewing gum formulation structured triacylglycerols that include short and long chain acyl triglyceride molecules, and using the structured triacylglycerols that include short and long chain acyl triglyceride as compatibilizers in a gum base.

Claim 19 (original) The method of Claim 18 wherein the structured triacylglycerols that include short and long chain acyl triglyceride molecules comprise approximately 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the chewing gum formulation.

Claim 20 (original) The method of Claim 18 wherein structured triacylglycerols that include short and long chain acyl triglyceride molecules are salatrim.

21. (canceled)

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Claim 23 (previously presented) A gum base comprising:
from about 5% to about 40% by weight of polyvinyl acetate;
from about 5% to about 55% by weight of an elastomer; and
at least 0.02% by weight structured triacylglycerols that include short and long chain acyl triglyceride molecules, wherein the structured triacylglycerols that include short and long chain acyl triglyceride are compatibilizers in the gum base.

Claim 24 (original) The gum base of Claim 23 wherein the base is wax-free.

Claim 25 (original) The gum base of Claim 23 wherein the base is non-tacky.

Claim 26 (original) The gum base of Claim 23 wherein the base is a bubble gum-type base.

Claim 27 (original) The gum base of Claim 23 including at least one resin.

Claim 28 (original) The gum base of Claim 23 including at least one softener chosen from the group consisting of: tallow; hydrogenated tallow; hydrogenated and partially hydrogenated vegetable oils; cocoa butter; glycerol monostearate; glycerol triacetate; and lecithin.

Claim 29 (original) The gum base of Claim 23 wherein the structured triacylglycerols that include short and long chain acyl triglyceride molecules comprises not more than 40% by weight of the base.

Claim 30 (original) The gum base of Claim 23 wherein structured triacylglycerols that include short and long chain acyl triglyceride molecules are salatrim.

Claim 31 (previously presented) A chewing gum formulation comprising:
an insoluble gum base including from about 5% to about 40% by weight of polyvinyl acetate and from about 5% to about 55% by weight of an elastomer;
a water soluble portion;
a flavor; and
at least 0.01% by weight structured triacylglycerols that include short and long chain acyl triglyceride molecules, wherein the structured triacylglycerols that include short and long chain acyl triglyceride are compatibilizers in the gum base.

Claim 32 (original) The chewing gum formulation of Claim 31 wherein the flavor is chosen from the group consisting of mint and fruit.